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TO: Directors, Exceptional Children Programs
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FROM: Mary Watson, Director, Exceptional Children Division *MW*
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SUBJECT: Guiding Practices in Early Childhood Transition in North Carolina

We are pleased to release two technical assistance documents titled *Guiding Practices for Early Childhood Transitions in North Carolina* and *Frequently Asked Questions about Early Childhood Transitions*. These documents are intended to replace the draft document issued in May 2006, titled *"Transition Procedures between the Infant-Toddler Program and the Preschool Program."*

We would like to thank the many stakeholders from both the Part C and Part B Programs who reviewed these documents and provided input into their development. These documents can be found in their entirety at the North Carolina Early Intervention Program website: www.ncei.org, at the Office of School Readiness website: www.osr.nc.gov, and the Exceptional Children Division website: www.ncpublicschools.org/ec/policy. Attached you will find a PDF copy of both documents.

We continue to appreciate and support the collaborative work between the Part C and Part B Program staff in providing smooth transition services for children and families. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Vivian James at Vivian.james@ncmail.net, 919-218-8384 or Dr. Norman Allard at NAllard@dpi.state.nc.us, 919-807-3691.

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